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In re Appln. of: Michiyasu CHIKADA
Tetsuya TANIGUCHI

Appln. No.: 09/581,632

Filed: June 13, 2000

For: COMMUNICATION CONTROL METHOD,
COMMUNICATION CONTROL APPARATUS
AND STORAGE MEDIUM

Examiner: DINH, Khanh Q.

Art Unit: 2151

Attorney Docket No: 9683/63

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Attached is/are:

- ☒ Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, Copy of European Search Report, Form PTO-1449, 1 Cited Reference (B2)
- ☒ Return Receipt Postcard

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- ☒ No additional fee is required.
- ☐ Small Entity.
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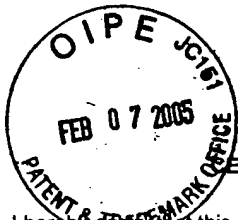
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- ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16 and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR § 1.17 associated with this paper (including any extension fee required to ensure that this paper is timely filed), or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 23-1925.

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, and more particularly in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c), Applicants hereby cite the following references:

U.S. DOCUMENT NUMBER <small>Number-Kind Code (if known)</small>	DATE	NAME
5,566,225	10/15/1996	Haas

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EP 0 946 068 A2	09/29/1999	EPO

Applicants are enclosing Form PTO-1449 (one sheet), along with a copy of each listed reference for which a copy is required under 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2). As each of

the listed references is in English, no further commentary is believed to be necessary, 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3). References B1 and B2 were cited in a European Search Report issued in the counterpart EPO application. A copy of the Search Report is attached to this Statement. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner's consideration of the above reference(s) and entry thereof into the record of this application.

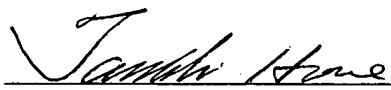
By submitting this Statement, Applicants are attempting to fully comply with the duty of candor and good faith mandated by 37 C.F.R. §1.56. As such, this Statement is not intended to constitute an admission that any of the enclosed references, or other information referred to therein, constitutes "prior art" or is otherwise "material to patentability," as that phrase is defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(a).

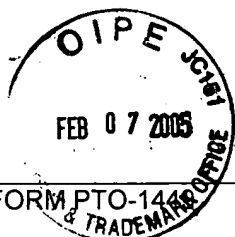
As noted on the first page of the Search Report, the Report was issued on November 26, 2004. For purposes of 37 C.F.R. §1.704(d), Applicants certify that each item of information contained in this Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart application, and that this communication was not received by any individual designated in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(c) more than thirty days prior to the filing of this Statement.

Applicants certify under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e)(1) that no item of information in this Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application more than three months prior to the filing of this Statement. Accordingly, Applicants have calculated no fee to be due in connection with the filing of this Statement. However, the Director is authorized to charge any fee deficiency associated with the filing of this Statement to a deposit account, as authorized in the Transmittal accompanying this Statement.

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